



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, August 4, 2023

City News



In Memoriam

Albert Gasak

January 26, 1965 - July 27, 2023

Firefighter/EMT



Albert Gasak

1/26/1965 - 7/27/2023

From Mayor Frederick:

The City of DuPont mourns the loss of Firefighter Albert Gasak with his family, friends, and fellow workers. Al left us on July 27 after a long battle with cancer. Al was with the DuPont Fire Department for 20 years and started as a volunteer until he was hired into a career position with IAFF Local 3829. He became the departments longest-standing member until his retirement earlier this year. Al also served his country in the US Army and was a true supporter of our community.

We will continue to keep Al and his family in our hearts during this difficult time.

Funeral services will be held on:

Tuesday, August 29 at 1:00 p.m.
Generational Hope Church
26040 SE 216th St.
Maple Valley WA 98038

DuPont Professional Fire Fighters have set up a memorial fund for those who would like and can help Firefighter Al Gasak's family with medical expenses from his year and half long battle with cancer and his memorial. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

[Honoring Albert Gasak - DuPont Professional Firefighters Local 3829 \(unionly.io\)](#)





Hawaiian Day at the Market

Did you know that the Puget Sound region has had a connection to the people of Hawaii dating back many years? Come learn more and help us celebrate this period of our history at the Hawaiian Farmers Market on **Thursday, August 10th**.

Families are invited to enjoy historic displays hosted by our Historical Society, authentic Hawaiian dancers, arts & crafts and much more.



Kids Day at the Market!

We are pleased to report that our Kids Day at the Market is officially full and we can't wait to see what our young entrepreneurs and artists will be selling at the market! Families are invited to enjoy a special Kids Day at the market to enjoy kid vendors, face painting and a special concert featuring Brian Vogan and his Good Buddies, interactive music for children and parents, a must see for everyone!

<https://www.dupontwa.gov/195/Events>

City of DuPont
Parks & Recreation
Invites you to

KID'S DAY
AT THE
DUPONT FARMERS
MARKET

Face painting! Arts & Crafts!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17th
3:00 - 7:00 PM

ARTS & CRAFTS ONLY

Young, local entrepreneurs,
have been invited to attend Kid's Day at the
DuPont Farmers Market to sell their products!

Special Performance by
Brian Vogan
AND HIS GOOD BUDDIES
6PM ON THE STAGE
Featuring fun, inclusive &
interactive music for
children & their parents

**Fun for
the whole
family to
enjoy!**

Come to the Farmers Market!

The next Farmers Market will be **August 10th** at Clocktower Park. Residents and visitors are invited to enjoy fresh fruits & vegetables, flowers, cheese, local artists, and much more. Can't wait to see you!

Thursday's 3:00 - 7:00 PM
June 1 - August 17, 2023
Clocktower Park

Upcoming Market Dates: August 10 & 17

Only 2 more market days left!



DuPont-Hudson's Bay BBQ Competition

The Pacific Northwest's Largest KCBS Sanctioned BBQ Competition



HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW

FOR THE ABSOLUTE BEST IN BBQ COMPETITION FESTIVALS

CLOCKTOWER PARK, DUPONT, WA—



4 DAY FESTIVAL AUGUST 17-20, 2023



**PRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION
PAT TILLMAN MEMORIAL POST 53**

Steak Dinner in the Park

Friday, August 18th
6:30 PM

All proceeds benefit
City of DuPont
Parks & Recreation
& the American Legion

\$50

Includes steak grilled to perfection by barbecue chefs, baked potato, salad, dessert bar & two drink tickets for beer or wine.

I.D. REQUIRED TO CONSUME ALCOHOL

Tickets must be purchased in advance, seating is limited.

Join us as we kick off our 2023 DuPont-Hudson Bay BBQ Competition!

For more info on DuPont-Hudson Bay Heritage Days!



**CLOCKTOWER PARK -
1400 PALISADE BLVD.
DUPONT, WA. 98327**

Sponsored by: **Sysco**

Hudson's Bay BBQ Competition

Well, DuPont, it's official, we are the largest KCBS sanctioned BBQ competition in the Pacific Northwest! Hats off to our friends at the American Legion and their incredible team of volunteers for bringing this fantastic event to our City. We are as proud as peacocks to stand by your side as we welcome residents, visitors, and the top BBQ chefs from around the region to our City **August 17th thru August 20th**. Visitors can look forward to an award-winning BBQ, wine and beer garden, children's activities, a car show, historical reenactments, and much more.

Details of this fun-filled weekend can be found here:
[Events | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov/events)

Steak Benefit Dinner in the Park

Help us kick off the **Annual Hudson Bay Day BBQ competition** by attending a benefit dinner for Parks & Recreation on **Friday, August 18th**, at Clocktower Park. Enjoy a steak dinner grilled to perfection by our BBQ chefs, live music, beer/wine, and a fabulous dessert bar. Tickets are just \$50, and all proceeds benefit the City of DuPont Parks & Recreation and the America Legion.

Tickets can be purchased here:

[DuPont-Hudson's Bay Festival & BBQ Competition |
DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov/events)

DUPONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM INVITE YOU

HUDSON'S BAY HERITAGE DAY

Noon to 4:00 PM
Sunday, August 20th
Clock Tower Park
1401 Palisade Blvd
DuPont, WA

Free and open to all ages:

- Hudson's Bay history exhibitors & demonstrators from Ft. Nisqually Point Defiance
- Children's activities & games
- Tour the original Fort Nisqually site at 1:30 PM (contact us for directions)

FAMILY FUN DAY!



WWW.DUPONTMUSEUM.COM (253) 964-2399



MORE EVENTS: DUPONT-HUDSON'S BAY BBQ COMPETITION
Festival and Car Show
August 16-20, 2023
www.dupontbbq.com

Parks and Recreation



2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here:

[Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website](https://dupontwa.gov/Classes-DuPont-WA-Official-Website)
(dupontwa.gov)

Lunch, Movie....Action!

The monthly Senior Lunch & Movie is back after a short July intermission. Seniors are invited to attend our monthly gathering of lunch and a movie on **Tuesday, August 22**. If you are interested in attending, please watch for details on our City website the Friday before the event. Movie choices and departure time will be announced up to a week prior to the event. Pre-registration is required, and the fee to participate is just \$10, which includes lunch and a movie.

If you need help with the online registration process, please give us call, as we are here to help! Movie-goers may call Amy Walker at (253) 405-9698 with any questions. You can register and pay here: <https://dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors>



DuPont Library - STEAM DAY! Saturday, August 19



DuPont Library - PAINT WOOD CARS! Saturday, August 26



Summer, Stories and Crafts oh My!

In collaboration with the DuPont Library, Parks & Recreation invites families to attend Summer, Stories and Crafts beginning Wednesday, June 28th at Ross Plaza. This is a free program and kids must be accompanied by an adult. Topics include farm animals, ocean critters, frogs, sports, and lots of other kid friendly topics!
<https://www.dupontwa.gov/553/Kids>

DuPont Historical Museum



Game on!

Come play against friends and family!

Come to the DuPont Museum on the last Sunday of each month to play board games! Games and snacks will be provided but you can also bring your own game to share. The next Board Game Day will be **Sunday, August 27th.**

DuPont Historical Museum - 207 Barksdale Ave., DuPont

Free lecture presented by DuPont Historical Society

DECONSTRUCTING FORT NISQUALLY

Steve Anderson, author and Fort Nisqually historian



Have you ever wondered how Fort Nisqually got moved from its original 1833 Dupont site and why? Have you questioned the replica of Fort Nisqually's 1843 physical representation in Point Defiance Park as being true to history? In 1930, was the WPA's guesswork right or wrong about its physical structure?

Steve Anderson has outlined the nature of the fort's construction phases and how such might be incorporated into the physical nature of the replicated fort.

7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17th, 2023
DuPont Historical Museum
207 Barksdale Ave., DuPont WA

His illustrated talk will include period artwork of the fort's buildings, along with personal and historical observations on the restored fort and its physical makeup.

Free and open to the public.
Appropriate for 10 years of age and older.

DupontHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com or (253) 820-3656

Deconstructing Fort Nisqually Lecture

Have you ever wondered how Fort Nisqually was moved from its original 1833 DuPont site and why? Join local Ft. Nisqually Historian and Author Steve Anderson on **Thursday, August 17th at 7pm** to learn more about this fascinating period of our history.

[2023 Anderson lecture DRAFT \(dupontmuseum.com\)](https://dupontmuseum.com)



Train Day at the DuPont Museum

When Weyerhaeuser bought the land from the DuPont Company, did you know that trains were a part of that sale? Some of these trains were donated to the City of DuPont but they needed a place to be properly stored. Senator Mike Carrell (2004-2012) took a special interest in the history of DuPont and worked hard to save the Dynamite train. Through his fundraising efforts, a canopy was built behind the museum to store the train. Come learn more about this historic train and the history of the trade on Train Day, **August 13th** at the DuPont Museum.

[Train/Fiddlers 2023 \(dupontmuseum.com\)](https://dupontmuseum.com)

I-5, Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements



DuPont residents, please see the information below as it could affect travel times this summer!

The WSDOT contractor has started the geotechnical investigation for the I-5, Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements Project.

WSDOT Project overview (from website): to relieve chronic traffic congestion and improve mobility along I-5 in the vicinity of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WSDOT will rebuild the interchange of Steilacoom-DuPont Road (Exit 119) and adding HOV lanes to I-5. This will support congestion relief on I-5 during peak traffic periods while maintaining access to neighboring communities and JBLM. The new interchange includes grade separation of the roadway over the railroad. Construction is expected to begin in late summer 2023. Travelers will see shifted lanes, overnight lane and ramp closures, reduced speed limit in work zones, and potentially short and long-term ramp closures.

This project could affect your commute at times and bike routes, so please check WSDOT's website at the link below for the latest project updates. WSDOT contact information for this project can be found at the link below and then clicking on the contact tab towards the bottom of the webpage. Please be advised that a new bike route will take effect on August 1, 2023. More information will be forthcoming.

Single lane closures are scheduled on both directions of I-5 from milepost 122 to 117.9 weeknights, Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.

For more information please visit: [I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements | WSDOT \(wa.gov\)](https://www.wa.gov/transportation/road-projects/i-5-mounts-rd-to-steilacoom-du-pont-rd-corridor-improvements).



DuPont Police Department



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*



Total Calls for Service 07/24/23 – 07/30/23: 211
Average per day: 30.14

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

- 53 Traffic Stops
- 01 Possible Intimidation with A Weapon
- 03 Animal Complaints
- 02 Traffic Complaints
- 07 Agency Assists
- 01 Unsheltered Individual
- 01 Boat Incident
- 02 Citizen Assist
- 03 Unwanted Person
- 01 Disorderly – Neighbor Dispute
- 01 Domestic Violence – Verbal
- 01 Attempted Fraud
- 01 At Risk Individual – (Located)
- 02 Welfare Checks
- 03 Parking Complaints
- 01 Suicide Threat
- 06 Suspicious Vehicles
- 01 Stolen Property – recovered license plate

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

- 01 Motor Vehicle Collision - Hit & Run
- 01 Theft from Vehicle
- 01 Vandalism



DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Speed emphases were conducted on Steilacoom DuPont Road, McNeil Street, and Center Drive.
- Officers were present at the DuPont Farmers Market.

REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!



DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			3
(11) Structure Fire			4
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			4
(14) Natural vegetation fire			6
(15) Outside rubbish fire			0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other		1	2
(31) Medical assist			5
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		6	362
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		1	14
(33) Lock-In			0
(35) Extrication, rescue			0
(36) Water or ice-related rescue		1	2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks			5
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition		1	3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			1
(50) Service call, other		3	27
(51) Person in distress			7
(53) Smoke, odor problem			2
(54) Animal problem or rescue		1	1
(55) Public service assistance			20
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other		1	9
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route			30
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			1
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		1	9
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			1
(70) False alarm and false call, other			8
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			0
(73) System or detector malfunction		3	23
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	10
(91) Citizen complaint			1
Unknown			0
TOTALS		20	562

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	2	76
Mary Bridge		43
St. Clare	2	74
St. Joseph		23
St. Peters		7
Tacoma General		10
TOTAL	4	234

ALS	5	229
BLS	2	134

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	5	113
0800-1649	11	266
1700-2359	4	183
TOTAL	20	562

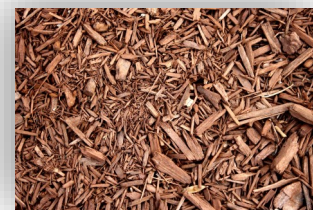
Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	1	63
Monday	3	76
Tuesday	5	71
Wednesday	6	110
Thursday	2	98
Friday	0	70
Saturday	3	74
TOTAL	20	562

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	1	39
DPF Provided	0	26
Multiple Calls	1	65

Safety Message

Beauty Bark Fire Prevention Tips:

- Provide a minimum of an 18-inch clearance between landscape mulch beds and combustible building materials, such as wood, vinyl siding and decks.
- Use non-combustible mulch such as rock or pea stone around gas meters and combustible portions of the structure.
- Provide proper receptacles for smoking materials at all entrances to public buildings and in designated smoking areas. Place them at least 18" away from the building, do not mulch in these areas and remember to regularly empty smoking receptacles.
- Grounds and maintenance crews should be aware when conditions are favorable for mulch fires and increase surveillance of mulch beds.
- Keep mulch beds moist when possible.



DuPont Fire Department

Be a Responsible Smoker:

- Put It Out. All the Way. Every Time.
- If you smoke, remember to properly dispose of all smoking materials.
- Always use appropriate receptacles for disposing of smoking materials and matches.
- Do not discard cigarettes in mulch or potted plants.
- Use ashtrays that won't burn or catch fire and that are deep enough to contain butts. Wet butts down before throwing out.
- As more people smoke outdoors rather than inside, many building fires started by smoking begin on decks, porches, and exterior stairways.
- Be smart in your choice of containers for butts. Consider using metal cans with sand for outdoor disposal.

How Mulch Fires Start:

- In many mulch fires, the smoldering mulch tunnels under the surface and then breaks out into open flame.
- Mulch that is piled too deeply, more than a few inches, can build up heat and spontaneously catch fire.
- Mulch fires start more readily when the weather is hot and it has been dry for an extended time.
- Factors such as below-average rainfall, dry conditions, warm temperatures, and high winds increase the risk of mulch fires.

City News

MUNICIPAL POSITION OPENING!

The City of DuPont is looking for a citizen to fill a vacant position on the Planning Commission. The purpose of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on General Land Use, Growth Management, Long-Range Capital Improvement Plans, and Transportation Planning. For citizens interested in applying, detailed information the Planning Commission's responsibilities and meeting times can be found on the City's website at <https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions>. The current application can be found at: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/512/Vacancies>.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS/CONTACT INFO

DuPont City Hall: (253) 964-8121

Police & Fire Non-Emergency: (253) 287-4455

Lakewood Animal Control: (253) 830-5010

LeMay Trash Service: (253) 875-5053

Northwest Landing ROA: (253) 964-1289/
roa@nwlanding.org



PET LICENSES

All cats and dogs over 3 months of age within the City of DuPont must be licensed. Proof of vaccination must be presented at the time of licensing. New residents have 30 days to license their cats or dogs, who are three months of age or older. [Applications can now be submitted online.](#)



City Council and Calendars

8/8/2023 City Council Meeting Agenda items:

- Ordinance amending DMC Chapter 1.04, to change the regularly scheduled meeting schedules for the Tree and Planning Commissions.
- Introduction of Fire Chief Mickey Gillie.
- Property Evidence Resolution - renewal of existing inter-local agreement.



Helpful Meeting Links:

- ◇ **City of DuPont Meetings** can be watched live or later at:
City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A).
- ◇ **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV (<https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>).
- ◇ **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available at the following link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/>.
- ◇ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "Download Agenda".



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
8/7/2023	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
8/8/2023	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
8/8/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
8/14/2023	5:00 PM	Special Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
8/14/2023	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
8/17/2023	6:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting —CANCELED
8/22/2023	2:00 PM	Hearing Examiner Meeting—Patriots Landing Village Master Plan
8/22/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
8/10, 8/17	Farmers Market	https://www.dupontwa.gov/566/Farmers-Market
8/9, 8/16	Summer Stories & Crafts	https://www.dupontwa.gov/553/Kids
8/13	Train Day & Fiddle Tunes	Train/Fiddlers 2023 (dupontmuseum.com)
8/17	Deconstructing Fort Nisqually Lecture	2023 Anderson lecture DRAFT (dupontmuseum.com)
8/16 - 8/20/2023	DuPont-Hudson's Bay Heritage Days & BBQ Competition	https://www.dupontwa.gov/533/DuPont-Hudsons-Bay-Festival-BBQ-Competit
8/18/2023	Steak Benefit Dinner in the Park	DuPont-Hudson's Bay Festival & BBQ Competition DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
8/19/2023	DuPont Library Steam Day - Make a Bouncy Ball!	https://www.dupontwa.gov/553/Kids
8/22/2023	Senior Lunch & Movie	https://www.dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors
8/26/2023	DuPont Library - Paint Wood Cars	https://www.dupontwa.gov/553/Kids
8/27, 9/24	Board Game Day	DuPont History Museum Events (dupontmuseum.com)